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In re application of: Fujino, Masahiko

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This communication is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 3, 2003. A Request for an appropriate extension of time is being submitted on even date herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.